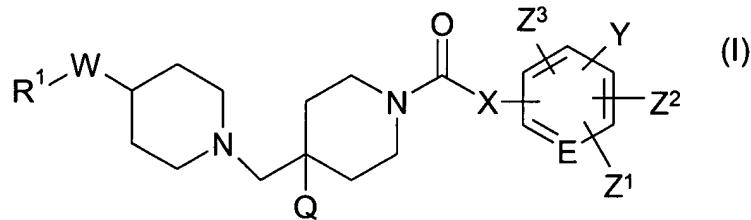


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A compound of formula (I):



wherein:

E is CH or N;

Q is hydrogen or hydroxy;

W is CH_2 , O or NR^2 ;

X is a bond, CH_2 or CH_2O ;

Y is OH, CO_2R^3 , SO_3H , $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$ or $\text{OCH}_2\text{SO}_3\text{H}$;

Z^1 , Z^2 , Z^3 are, independently, hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, NR^4R^5 , C_{1-6} alkyl (optionally substituted with halogen), C_{1-6} alkoxy (optionally substituted with halogen), $\text{S(O)}_p(\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{S(O)}_q\text{CF}_3$ or $\text{S(O)}_2\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$;

R^1 is phenyl optionally substituted by halogen, cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy or C_{1-4} haloalkoxy;

R^2 is hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;

R^3 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or benzyl;

p and q are, independently, 0, 1 or 2;

R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are, independently, hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl (optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy or C_{3-10} cycloalkyl), $CH_2(C_{2-5}$ alkenyl), phenyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, NH_2 , $NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^4 and R^5 below), $S(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2NH_2$, $S(O)_2NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^4 and R^5 below), cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^4 and R^5 below), CO_2H , $CO_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHC(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CF_3 or OCF_3) or heterocyclyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, NH_2 , $NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^4 and R^5 below), $S(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2NH_2$, $S(O)_2NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^4 and R^5 below), cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^4 and R^5 below), CO_2H , $CO_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHC(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CF_3 or OCF_3); alternatively NR^4R^5 or NR^6R^7 may, independently, form a 4-7 membered heterocyclic ring, azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, azepine, morpholine or piperazine, the latter optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl on the distal nitrogen; or an N-oxide thereof; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; or a solvate thereof.

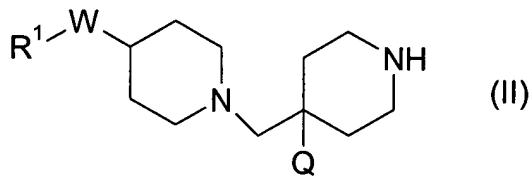
2. (Original) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 wherein W is O.
3. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 [[or 2]] wherein E is CH.
4. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~ wherein R^1 is phenyl optionally substituted with halogen, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy.

5. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, ~~2, 3 or 4~~ wherein Y is CO₂H, CO₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl), CH₂CO₂H or OH.

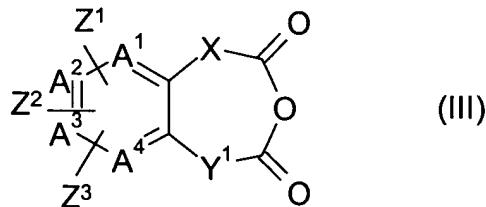
6. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4 or 5~~ wherein Z¹, Z² and Z³ are, independently, hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, S(O)₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl) or S(O)₂NH₂.

7. (Original) A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, the process comprising:

a. when Y is CO₂H, CH₂CO₂H or OCH₂CO₂H, said Y group being ortho to the group X, acylating a compound of formula (II):

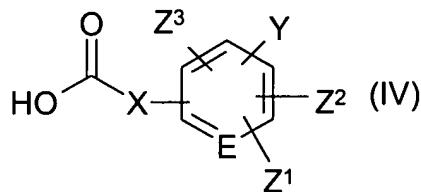


via the ring opening of an anhydride of formula (III):



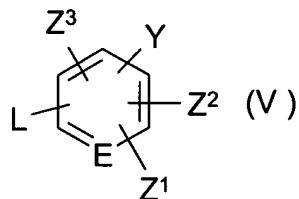
wherein one of A¹, A², A³ and A⁴ is CH or N; the other three of A¹, A², A³ and A⁴ are carbon and each of the three carries Z¹, Z² or Z³, there being only one of each of Z¹, Z² and Z³; X is as defined in claim 1; and Y¹ is a bond, CH₂ or OCH₂; in the presence of a suitable tertiary amine, in a suitable solvent at an elevated temperature;

b. when Y is CO₂R³, CH₂CO₂R³ or OCH₂CO₂R³ and R³ is not hydrogen, coupling a compound of formula (II) with a compound of formula (IV):



either going via the acid chloride of the compound of formula (IV) or by using a coupling reagent;

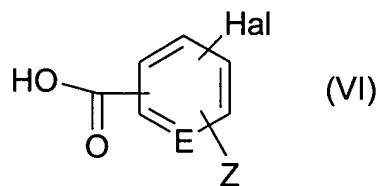
c. when X is a bond and Y is CO_2R^3 , carbonylating a compound of formula (V):



wherein L is chloro, bromo, iodo or O-triflate, and then quenching the product so formed with a compound of formula (II);

d. when X is a bond, Y is CO_2R^3 , R^3 is not hydrogen, and R^1 does not have a chloro, bromo or iodo substituent,

i. coupling a compound of formula (II) with an acid of formula (VI):



wherein Hal is chloro, bromo or iodo;

ii. carbonylating the compound so formed; and then,
iii. quenching the product so formed with a C_{1-6} aliphatic alcohol or benzylalcohol;

OR

e. when Y is or includes a CO_2R^3 group:

- i. when R^3 is hydrogen said compound can be converted to a compound of the invention where R^3 is not hydrogen by a standard esterification method; or
- ii. when R^3 is not hydrogen said compound can be converted to a compound of the invention where R^3 is hydrogen by a standard ester hydrolysis method.

8. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or solvate thereof as claimed in claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

9-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A method of treating a chemokine mediated disease state in a mammal suffering from, or at risk of, said disease, which comprises administering to [[a]] said mammal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or solvate thereof as claimed in claim 1.

12. (New) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 2, wherein E is CH.

13. (New) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 2, wherein R^1 is phenyl optionally substituted with halogen, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy.

14. (New) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 3 wherein R^1 is phenyl optionally substituted with halogen, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy.

15. (New) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 2, wherein Y is CO₂H, CO₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl), CH₂CO₂H or OH.
16. (New) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 3, wherein Y is CO₂H, CO₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl), CH₂CO₂H or OH.
17. (New) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 4, wherein Y is CO₂H, CO₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl), CH₂CO₂H or OH.
18. (New) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 2, wherein Z¹, Z² and Z³ are, independently, hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, S(O)₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl) or S(O)₂NH₂.
19. (New) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 3, wherein Z¹, Z² and Z³ are, independently, hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, S(O)₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl) or S(O)₂NH₂.
20. (New) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 4, wherein Z¹, Z² and Z³ are, independently, hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, S(O)₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl) or S(O)₂NH₂.
21. (New) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 5, wherein Z¹, Z² and Z³ are, independently, hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, S(O)₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl) or S(O)₂NH₂.